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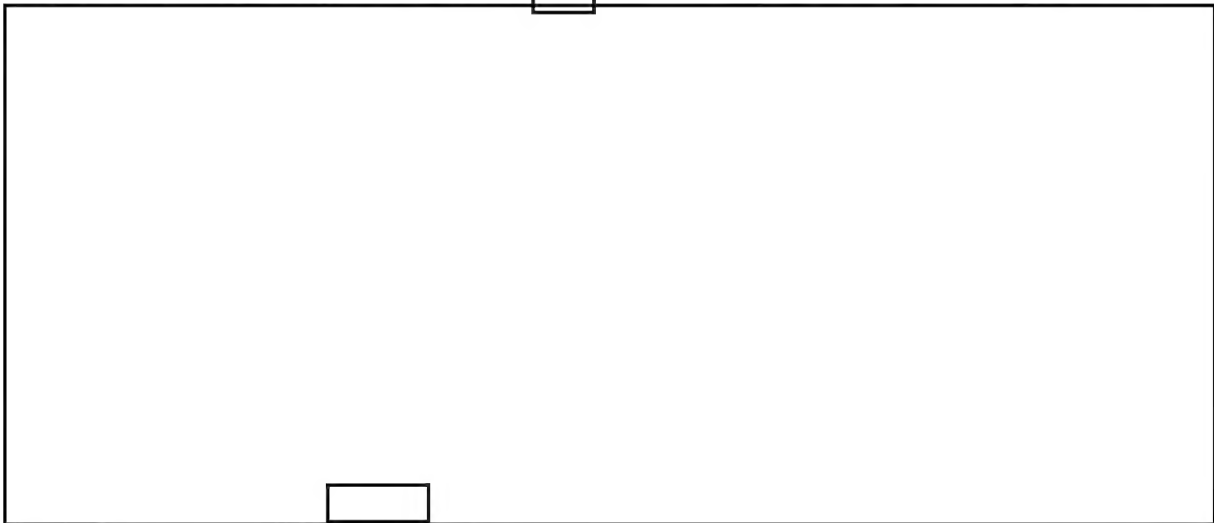
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Southeast Asia

3. Thailand -- Analysts noted signs of disunity and indecision in the new Prem government, but generally concluded it was too early to conclude that these symptoms would lead to an early demise of Prem. There was considerable discussion of indications that Bangkok -- as well as Malaysia and Indonesia -- were rethinking their options with regard to continuation of support for Pol Pot, refusal to compromise with Vietnam, and close cooperation with China. There was general agreement that the Malaysian and Indonesians were hoping for a compromise with Hanoi, but analysts differed as to whether there was any real likelihood of a change in Thai policy. All agreed that the key to movement would be real policy changes on the part of the Vietnamese (making it possible for others to compromise), and it was generally concluded that Hanoi, while perhaps making some cosmetic gestures, was likely to remain wedded to current policy for some time to come. []



China

5. Internal Developments -- Analysts touched briefly on the recent NPC standing committee session, noting that it had carried through on matters foreshadowed by the Fifth Central Committee Plenum. They were generally relaxed about the internal political situation, noting that the policy line favored by Deng Xiaoping appeared all the more firmly established. []

6. Sino-Soviet Developments -- Participants in the meeting also saw little evidence of change in this sphere. They generally discounted faint signs of Soviet "reasonableness" as protective measures prior to Vice Premier Geng Biao's visit to the US. They also saw little signs of change on the Chinese side. []

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7. Sino-Vietnamese Developments -- Analysts had little new to discuss on this topic. They noted that China had ceased to document regularly complaints of border clashes with the Vietnamese, but saw little real significance in this trend. They noted that there had been virtually no significant change in the forces deployed on either side of the border. ☐

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